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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING NO. 171, NOVEMBER 18,
1977, (SALT TWO NO. 1493)

SUMMARY: PEREZ TABLED US LANGUAGE ON ARTICLE IX(D)
PROPOSING A BAN ON INTERCONTINENTAL CRUISE MISSILES
OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 5500 KILOMETERS. KARPOV SAID
HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND US PROPOSAL IN LIGHT OF PROTOCOL
LIMITS ON CRUISE MISSILES AND FACT THAT TWO SIDES WERE
TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER ON CRUISE MISSILES DURING PERIOD
OF PROTOCOL. US PROPOSAL ACCORDING TO KARPOV WOULD
"PREDETERMINE" RESULTS OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. IN
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON RS-14 (SS-16), KARPOV SAID
THE RS-14 WOULD BE BANNED AS A MISSILE SYSTEM UNDER
THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AND THAT "THE RS-14 HAS NEVER BEEN
IN THE OPERATIONAL FORCES." PEREZ AND KARPOV EXCHANGED
TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS OF RECENT PLENARY PROPOSALS.
NEXT DRAFTING GROUP MEETING SET FOR NOVEMBER 21. END
SUMMARY

1. PEREZ TABLED FOLLOWING NEW LANGUAGE ON INTERCON-
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TINENTAL CRUISE MISSILES FOR PARAGRAPH (D) OF ARTICLE IX:

"CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF INTERCONTINENTAL RANGE,
THAT IS, A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 5500 KILOMETERS"

KARPOV RAISED SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE
AND ITS RELATION TO PROTOCOL LIMITATION ON CRUISE

MISSILES IN EXCESS OF 2500 KILOMETERS. HE ASKED WHETHER US PROVISION WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME OPERATIVE ON EXPIRATION OF PROTOCOL AND WHETHER THIS DID NOT PREDETERMINE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON LIMITS OF CRUISE MISSILES WHICH WERE TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. SINCE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON CRUISE MISSILES WERE TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PROTOCOL HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE POINT OF THE US PROPOSAL.

2. PEREZ TABLED THE TEXT OF THE US PROPOSAL RAISED IN THE NOVEMBER 17 PLENARY ON THE AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE II. HE NOTED THAT IF THE US PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE II.5 WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET SIDE, THE US WAS PREPARED TO DELETE ITS PROPOSAL FOR A COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO ARTICLE V.

3. PEREZ ALSO TABLED US REVISION TO AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II, AND KARPOV IN TURN TABLED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR THIS PARA (TEXT FOLLOWS SEPTEL).

4. KARPOV TABLED SOVIET PROPOSALS ON COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO PARAGRAPH 8 OF ARTICLE IV ON RS-14 (SS-16) MISSILES. PEREZ ASKED WHETHER THE SOVIET BAN ON PRODUCTION OF THE RS-14 WOULD INCLUDE A BAN ON PRODUCTION OF ITS UNIQUE COMPONENTS. KARPOV REPLIED THE RS-14 WOULD BE BANNED "AS A MISSILE, AS A SYSTEM." PEREZ
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INQUIRED WHAT SOVIETS PLANNED TO DO WITH EXISTING RS-14'S AND KARPOV REPLIED, "THE RS-14 HAS NEVER BEEN IN THE OPERATIONAL FORCE." IN REPLY TO PEREZ'S QUESTION SUGGESTING THE ADAPTABILITY OF CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF SS-16 TO OTHER MISSILES, KARPOV SAID REGIONAL BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS ARE NOT COVERED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. KARPOV ALSO TABLED TEXTS OF PROPOSALS INTRODUCED IN NOVEMBER 17 PLENARY INCLUDING:

--PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II

-- ARTICLE XII

--AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE XII

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